

**SUFFOLK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

Date: October 19, 2011

Place: Brookhaven Town Hall – Work Session Room

MEMBERS PRESENT (8)

Susan Katz
Safe Kids Suffolk

Robert Pearce
Southampton Town Police

Michael J. Salatti
Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.

John Saraceno
Town of Smithtown

Richard H. Schneider
East Hampton Village Police

Stephen Shadbolt
Sachem Central School District

Arvind Vora
Retired – Formally of SCDPW

Lynn Weyant
Town of Brookhaven

GUESTS PRESENT (14)

Frank Bania, LI Abate
Nick Broccoli, 106th RQW/SE
Stavros Dalambakis, LI Abate
Theodore Klein, SC Planning
Joseph Kruk, 106th Rescue Wing
Rachel Lugo, EAC
Rich Marsanico, Jr., Traffic Systems Inc.

Christopher McBride, AAA
Chris Pagniello, Traffic Systems Inc.
Michael Petronzio, State Police
Alexander Prego, SCDPW
Patricia Ralph, SCDPW
Ed Seltenreich, Quogue Village PD
Tom Temistokle, NYSDOT

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of October 19, 2011 was called to order by Richard Schneider, Chair, at 2:10pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Richard Schneider, Chair, indicated, since a quorum was not present, the September 2011 minutes could not be approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Richard Schneider, Chair, reported two (2) letters were received in response to letters sent by the Board to Albany regarding various traffic safety bills regarding school buses and prospective school bus drivers. One respondent was Senator Lee M. Zeldin; the other was Assemblyman Robert K. Sweeney.

ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

- Richard Schneider, Chair - nothing to report for East Hampton PD.
- Michael Petronzio, State Police - nothing to report.
- Neither Michael Mallin nor Sarah Furey from SCPD were present. However, enforcement statistics were provided via a handout.
- Robert Pearce, Southampton Town PD, reported: 28 DWI's in June; checkpoints were done in July resulting in 62 DWI's; 243 DWI's in August; 26 DWI's in September and 307 speeding tickets.
- Ed Seltenreich, Quogue Village PD reported: MVA's were up by 10%; MVA's with injury were up by 600%; DWI MVA's were also up.

ENGINEERING PROGRAMS

- Alexander Prego, SCDPW, reported the County is trying to complete:
 - CR36 (South Country Road) paving project,
 - Furrows Road at CR19 (Patchogue-Holbrook Road) intersection improvement project,
 - All contracts, in general, for the winter.
 - Alex will look into how long the roadways, CR31 at CR104, will be closed due to the roundabout project.
- Tom Temistokle, NYSDOT, reported on two (2) initiatives:
 - Reducing Lane Departure Crashes – the paver contractor mills in rumble strips along the double barrier line. They are called, “CARDS” – center line audible roadway delineators.
 - Reducing Pedestrian Crashes – the State is installing count-down timers at all signals where hand/man indications currently exist.

- John Saraceno, Town of Smithtown, reported:
 - They are continuing with LED street lighting for residential areas,
 - They are looking to replace the traffic signals which still have old timber poles with new timber poles.
- Lynn Weyant, Town of Brookhaven, reported:
 - Child passenger safety training was taking place Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; with a public fitting on Friday.
 - Town of Brookhaven awarded a bid for the Whiskey Road/Miller Place-Yaphank Road roundabout.
 - Union Avenue in Holbrook and New York Avenue in Sound Beach are earmarked for sidewalks and bike lanes.
 - Opticom: new pre-emption system.

HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAMS

- Rachel Lugo, EAC, reported:
 - The New York Highway Safety Symposium was held October 16, 17, 18th at the Hyatt Regency, Hauppauge, with good attendance.
 - Through NTSA & GTSC, “Bunny Money” contracts are rolling out.
- Christopher McBride, AAA, reported:
 - A car seat check will take place on Saturday, October 22nd, at Tanger Outlet – a flyer was provided.
 - The Safety Awards luncheon will be held, Tuesday, October 25th. Councilman Bacca, from New York City, is the guest speaker.
- Stavros Dalambakis, LI ABATE, reported:
 - The motorcycle riding season is winding down.
 - In January, they will begin planning motorcycle awareness runs.
 - Currently, Channel 12 News/Weather reports have advertising for motorcycle awareness.
- Joseph Kruk, 106th Rescue Wing, indicated interest in classes for people on the base to become certified inspectors for child passenger safety.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Stephen Shadbolt, Sachem School District Transportation, reported:
 - A November 4th meeting in Albany: discuss the next course of possible legislation.

OLD BUSINESS

- Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- Alexander Prego, SCDPW, reiterated the December meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday, i.e. December 14th. In addition, the 2012 schedule will be set at the November meeting.
- Richard Schneider, Chair, introduced Rich Marsanico, Jr. and Chris Pagniello of Traffic Systems Inc. Chris conducted a presentation on new pedestrian safety products.
- A flyer and pamphlet were provided which described pedestrian safety products.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the October monthly meeting was closed by John Saraceno, Vice Chair, at 3:05pm. No motion was made since a quorum was not present. The next meeting will be held November 16th.